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For the National Era.  
LOVE'S MUSIC.

BY LYDIA A. CARMELINE.

So gently, so sweetly,  
So soft, so heartily done;  
There lay but a single shadow  
On the green sward at our feet.

To their utmost soul of woe,  
Hung heavy the leaves on high;  
Strew up through the morning brights.  
A minute's rest clinched the day.

Then, as the sun went down,  
My heart leaped with glee;  
Of a sound so fine it never  
The muted and delicate air.

"Is it the musical ocean?

The morning, musical sea?  
Or is it a wind-swept singing?

Or is it the music of the tree?

So sweet, so gentle, so unshowy,

Music the sun-shield on the sister;

No wist in the look of the soft sun;

Ever sang this tune before?"

Then, while the fine compression  
Of air around me stole,  
I heard the eyes of my lover  
Wooing me to sing.

And so softly—This music.

Both my heart made light and soon;

Fall long have I waited, weary;

For thy heart to learn the tune.

"Oh! leave the wind in the oak tree!

Oh! leave the sun on the air!

Music the heart still holds dear;

Dear love, let them play no more."

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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY

OF

A NEW ENGLAND GIRL.

BY MARTHA RUSSELL.

CHAPTER XXII.—Continued.

I had won self-possession, if nothing else, since those old days when Miss Harriet Ellen's cool stare and rustling dress could put me out of countenance; and, regardless of the smile that still curved Miss Ellen's mouth, I arose, and, casting myself at the piano, began the prelude to the old Scotch song which still, I presumed, lay open on Miss Helen Cavendish's piano, at the Pines. "The Scottish Widower's Lament"! I had obtained the music from the teacher at Oaklawn, had studied it thoroughly; and now, as I sang, memories of all that had happened since, and the grief and agonies of my own life were mingled with the touching pathos of the bereaved wife and mother.

As I ceased, there was silence a second, before Miss Grace Lloyd exclaimed, with school girl impetuosity,

"Mama, Julia, isn't that beautiful? So sweet and sad. And she sings it so well. I must learn that—indeed I must! It is better than all the waltzes and polkas ever written!"

Miss Lloyd never turned her head, but sat carelessly waving her richly-carved fan, (it was a warm day in June,) but the mother said, impatiently,

"Grace, will you never remember that all such exaggerated bursts and expostions are vulgar and ill-bred—wholly contrary to that elegant return and repose which make the manners of a lady? I really hoped that, under the training of Madame Lagarde, you had over come this inadmissible trait!"

Grace blushed and pouted, while I arose to seek my former seat. As I passed, Miss Grace Lloyd, who took my hand, said—

"Thank you, dear a thousand times. That song did bring back the light of many a vanished life."

"I am glad to see you again, Cousin Lloyd," I replied, "and I hope you met her here several times about the time of your marriage. That was a favorite song with her, and she sang as no one else could."

"Yes; what was there about her or her brother? I think I heard something happen to one or both of them."

"Helen was insane, or partially so, for many years. It is scarcely more than a year since she died."

"And her brother. I remember him quite a wicked man. And he was wealthy, too, I think."

"I die about three months since, very suddenly, at the Astor House. They are all gone now—they, and many others."

Miss Annesley sighed, and I saw her eyes were full of tears, but Mrs. Lloyd went on, in her quiet, modest way,

"The extinction of so much family wealth and standing is not very bad, but, in my judgment, a crime against society. No one knows who will come into their places; and that would be a great loss to the country."

"What disposition did he make of his property?"

"He gave it by will, to the children of a Mrs. Ells—a distant relative, I think. They are a very respectable family, I understand."

"And Mr. Ralph, Scville Annesley, his nephew, added, as I saw her glace rest on him."

Perhaps Miss Annesley had the same thoughts, but she did not speak, and Miss Lloyd continued her quiet, "I told you that Fanny Pynott was going to marry a Mr. Ells. But the question was, how he happened. Sophie was about it last week. I should have mentioned to you, Cousin Anna had not forgotten to tell you, that Fanny Pynott was engaged to a Mr. Ells."

"Yes; how do you know?"

"I am surprised at your astonishment, and where man can be so poor?"

"What unparalleled impediment?" exclaimed Mrs. Lloyd, with her chin erect. "The lady sent her back to the almshouse, or, rather, herself into the hands of the officers of justice."

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